

**COUNTY-CITY HEALTH UNITS—PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

H. J. R. No. 15

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Section to be known as Section 48-b, authorizing the Legislature to provide for the establishment of health units, and authorizing a tax in support thereof.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That the Constitution of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended, by adding a new Section to Article III of said Constitution to be designated Section 48-b, reading as follows:

"Section 48-b. The Legislature shall have the authority to provide for the organization of county-city health units and the operation thereof and to authorize counties and cities to provide a tax of not to exceed twenty cents (20¢) on the One Hundred Dollar (\$100) valuation of taxable property in counties and cities for the purpose of financing the said county-city health units; provided that no such tax shall be authorized except by a vote of the people residing in the city or county in which said tax shall apply. The foregoing tax shall be levied only on county valuations."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have written or printed thereon:

"For the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to pass laws for the creation and operation of city-county health units and to authorize cities and counties to vote a tax in support thereof" and

"Against the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to pass laws for the creation and operation of city-county health units and to authorize cities and counties to vote a tax in support thereof."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

Passed the House, March 29, 1949: Yeas 128, Nays 2; House concurred in Senate amendments, June 16, 1949: Yeas 106, Nays 2; passed the Senate, as amended, June 15, 1949: Yeas 25, Nays 1.

Approved June 22, 1949.

Amendment by H.J.R. No. 46 provides for submission at an election to be held on the second Tuesday in November, 1949. See page 1500.